

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee  
May 29, 2008**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Walter Kolb, Pamela Meyer, Peter Gundrum, (arrived at 8:38 a.m.; left at approximately 10:55 a.m.) , John Pledl, Peter Wolff (arrived at 8:40 a.m.; left at approximately 10:20 a.m.), and Pauline Jaske.

**Also Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Building Operations Supervisor Scott Miller, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Architectural Services Manager Dennis Cerreta, County Board Supervisor Kathleen Cummings, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Aging and Disability Resource Operations Manager Jack Bodien, Waukesha Freeman Reporter Joe Petrie and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Reporter Scott Williams.

**Approve Minutes of May 1, 2008**

MOTION: Pledl moved, second by Kolb, to approve the minutes of May 1, 2008. Motion carried: 5-0.

Gundrum arrived at 8:38 a.m.

**Correspondence**

1. "Courthouse Thoughts" from Executive Committee meeting of May 19, 2008
2. CTH Y, Racine Ave. Reconstruction Update

Wolff arrived at 8:40 a.m.

**Executive Committee Report of May 19, 2008**

Swan reviewed the items discussed at the May 19, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting:

- Ordinance regarding expenditure of Federal funds to provide library services to persons with mental health issues
- Report on completed information technology projects
- Historical and long term plans for building, renovating and maintaining the courthouse

**Future Agenda Items**

- Updates on Capital Project #200427, Specifically CTH Y (Racine Ave) & Kelsey Drive (This item will be an ongoing agenda item for continual updates on the progress of this project)

**Meeting Approvals**

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Wolff, to approve attendance at a meeting regarding the zoo interchange held at Wauwatosa West High School on the evening of May 29, 2008. Motion carried 7-0.

**Future Meeting Dates**

- June 12, 2008

**Legislative Update**

Esler summarized some of the issues addressed in the State's Budget Repair Bill.

**Discuss Planned and Potential Roundabouts in Waukesha County, Specifically the Intersections Listed in Capital Project #200427, "Signals and Safety," and Capital Project #200011, "CTH L, CTH Y to Moorland Road."**

Evans displayed a conceptual drawing of roundabout. He stated that a roundabout, used in place of stop signs and traffic signals, can significantly improve traffic flow and safety. Studies have shown that in intersections where roundabouts were installed, motor vehicle crashes were significantly lessened and injuries from those crashes were greatly reduced.

Gundrum stated that in his experience in the Muskego area (Racine Avenue and Kelsey Drive), there is excessive speeding and he does see the need for some type of traffic control for the area. He questioned what caused this project to move up so quickly. Evans stated there have been several fatal and severe injury accidents at the intersection, which has prompted this project to move forward. Evans stated that he and Rich Bolte traveled to a similar intersection in the state and investigated the effectiveness of the roundabout in use there. It has proven to be a very effective solution and it has been well received by area residents and businesses.

Gundrum stated he would like to address future policy review of roundabout and intersection projects. He would like these projects to be reviewed by the Public Works Committee before reading about them in the newspaper. Evans replied that the decision of roundabout versus traffic signal is now at the discretion of the Public Works Department, but the projects are presented to Public Works Committee as capital projects. The Public Works Department studies signal and roundabout alternatives and implements the most appropriate solution.

Pledl asked if a video of a roundabout in use could be made available for citizens to view. Evans stated they would consider putting such videos on a public access channel. Pledl asked if there would be another public meeting held before beginning the construction in the fall. Evans stated there would be another meeting in June or July to provide more information and a video presentation. He stated that the Public Works Committee members would be included in future emails about upcoming projects. Esler added that perhaps the Department should send Committee members the emails for public informational meetings, as well.

Swan asked who the point person is in this Muskego road project. Evans stated it is Ed Hinrichs. Swan would like to have updates presented on a regular basis by Hinrichs or another Public Works staff member.

**Approve Bids Relative to Capital Project #200610, "Substation Salt Mitigation," Highway Operations Center and Sussex Substation**

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Gundrum, to approve the bid by Jackson Building Contractors for the Highway Operations Salt Facility upgrade project at the base bid of \$25,420.

Miller reviewed the details of the bids. He stated the plan includes upgrades and repairs of the salt dome brine tanks, hi-level alarm, and aprons in front of the salt domes to prevent possible groundwater contamination problems at these sites in the future. Meyer asked that if there is salt contaminated soil which must be removed, how it would be taken care of. Miller stated that The Sigma Group takes charge of those issues, and he is confident they have the expertise to oversee that the proper steps are taken. Miller added that all work being done meets the standards of the D.N.R. requirements.

Gundrum asked why this issue must be discussed in detail when the Committee is required to approve the lowest bid. Esler stated this process fulfills the Public Works Committee's statutory requirement for oversight over such bids. Esler added that there is the policy issue to make sure the bid is within the budget. There is also the opportunity to exercise discretion in examining the details of the bids, as some of the differences between the vendors are marginal.

Miller continued by explaining some of the adjustments made to the original project at the Highway Operations Center in anticipation the construction of the State's salt dome. In addition, Miller explained that the market is very competitive at this time due to the state of the economy. This has resulted in cost savings for the County because bids came in lower than originally budgeted.

Motion carried: 7-0.

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Jaske to approve the bid by Eagle Construction, LLC for the Sussex Substation facility upgrade project at the base bid of \$56,825.

Miller explained this is essentially a mirror of the Highway Operations Center, except the installation of the tank is much more complicated because it is going down through bedrock.

Motion carried 7-0.

**Review and Discuss Current Construction Relative to Capital Project #200825, "ADRC Program Space," and Proposed Capital Project #200615, "HHS Office Building"**

Cerreta began with a brief overview of the installation of the mobile modular buildings for the ADRC. He distributed photographs of the project during the construction process. He explained that the remodeling of the new ADRC offices is presently under construction. The tentative completion date is August 1. The project is on schedule and within budget to date.

Schuler and Bodien gave a brief overview of the HHS operations and future plans for the ADRC. Bodien explained the upcoming transition of clients through the ADRC to managed care organizations, which will virtually eliminate the waiting list for services (currently about 800). This graduated transition process will be completed by 2010.

(Further discussion of this agenda item was deferred until after the tour of the ADRC and the HHS Office Building.)

Wolff left at approximately 10:20 a.m.

**Tour of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Program Area (Including Mobile Modular Buildings) and the HHS Office Building**

Cerreta and Miller led a tour through various areas Human Services Center, ADRC and mobile modular buildings.

Gundrum left at approximately 10:55 a.m.

Upon conclusion of the tour, Cerreta answered questions concerning the proposed new HHS Office Building. He stated there are several construction site possibilities, but that is not a decision to be made today. Cerreta reminded the Committee members that this project is not scheduled for the budget and design phase until 2010. He stated he has begun developing a preliminary plan by defining needs and problems. This project needs to be well thought out before bringing in a design professional in 2010. Cerreta opined that a study should be done to determine what historical elements of the building might be saved.

Esler recapped that this project was introduced into the Capital Plan in 2005 to the Executive Committee and the County Board. This current HHS building will now only receive the necessary minimal maintenance to keep it functioning to the target date of its replacement. Esler stated that even though the dollar commitment does not occur until 2010, we are proceeding on a daily basis on the premise that it will be the commitment at that time. Swan stated that it is a challenge to keep everyone aware of that commitment as Boards change and time goes on.

Pledl stated he found the tour very informative, and thought that the County Board as a whole should experience the tour of this building. Esler agreed that each standing committee could take this tour in order to better understand the scope of this project.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Pledl, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wolff  
Secretary